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best musicipal building, the best jail, is the time to immigrate.

The New Theater.

The sentiment so gracefully expressed in Sol Smith Russell's speech at Monday evening's auspicious dedication of the new Frothingham theater coincides with that of the great majority of Scrantonians. In this busy and restless age when men not infrequently go stark mad in the chase for wealth or bankrupt their physical resources while pursuing "the pace that kills," that is certainly no small service to humanity which offers some pleasant hours of self-forgetfulness and enables the busy worker with brain or hand to sink in wholesome entertainment the wearing strain of business routine. That the stage occasionally exhibits vicious fer to view the fight from a distance. symptoms does not obscure the lact that in the angregate its tendancy is wholesome, educative and ennobling. The standards of the drama are constantly becoming higher. The intellectual and artistic demands of American addiences are constantly increasing. The ability that ministers to these demands must therefore be an improving is the pioneer of public electric lightability, and as that improvement makes itself manifest the wable tenor of theatricals shows numberalable signs of besterment.

It was with a touch of real inspiratime that Mr. Russell contrasted the standards of a quarter of a century ugo us typ fied locally to Weshington in that had to be "swell out" for Mr. Russell's reception, with the standunised toley, as typifed in the palatial bome of act and entertaloment. with which Arthur Prothingham has wangement has permeated all other affairs, but it is only fair to the proprienatti Mr. Prothingnum s magic wand. called into form and shape and color its entertainments to one theater of the more expensive class was in itself an anomaly that could not last. No alone progress is sustained.

It should, then, be a matter of concome, in the perfection of beauty, elsgance, convenience and arrangement magnificence, Scrantonians will be equally generous in their praise, and will accord to the two rival houses the would be invidious and unchivalrie not assistants the cordial congratulation which warm-hearted Boranton is ever prise, wherever manifested, and to feel in the matter that honorable price, which a municipality may feel, that expand its renown and perfect its manifold advantages.

HASTINGS AFPEARS to have it: Heatings has it and it will soon be so or-

NUMEROUS PATENTS have already been somed. The city of Philadelphia is overhead trolley note and wire. Some high, of these fine days American genius will stumble upon the proper solution and there will be a revolution in transit circles. Nobody believed that the first typesetting machine meant what it did. But today the handicraft of the old time compositor is giving way, all over the country, to the steady and obedient click, click of the mechanical type-composer.

EXPERIENCE AND fitness should have preference in the selection of municipal offices. Unfitness should have no show

A Dead Sensation,

Interest in the Pollard-Breckinridge | wise, case subsided immediately after the announcement of the defendant's line of defense. It is no novelty to have a woman's character blackened in court. The plaintiff in this action was not, however, on trial. Her own testimony constituted as comprehensive a confession of guilt as the public had any realawyers said that the venerable and aristocratic congressman, the eloquent and chivairous Kentuckian, who had for decades posed before his constituand enter the baby plea, that single assertion settled his fate, and a public whose lungs had too long been polluted hypocrisy, cowardie, and vile passion

who view in his downfall the collapse | weakened, this entire community labor earnestly to boister him up. We complete disappearance of Sunday as a have read carefully representative rest day for trainmen; and instead of premises and it is our belisf that the vails on our railway lines, there would this trial, upon his return home, will, an incessant wearing out of human if it materializes at all, be merely the energy in a largely needless and useselfish work of political parasites, who less excess of commercialism. The find no carcasa too vile for their pesti- fact that he did not weaken; but that class of Kentuckians, happily few in the heroic obstinacy of a personality abruptly relinquish a confidence even when it is misplaced, the great ma- source and a conspicuous sanitary SCRANTON NOT only had the best jurity of respectable citizens through- safeguard. court house, the best postoflice, the outBreckinridge's state are unalterably opposed to deception, hypocrisy, systhe best newspaper, the best church tematic lying and the puerile Elenic perfluous. The running of passenger and the best cook in Pennsylvania, but | whine, and they have no ovation to | trains in limited number has, indeed, she now has the best theater and pro- give to the man who unites all these become as much a necessity under pres poses soon to have the best hotel. Now | crimes in one vast and artistic mass of personal rottenness.

EXTER BELLEVUE. Next?

Appropos or the tri-lateral legislative fight in the First district John J. Morris favors THE TRIBUNE with an interesting communication in which the merits of Candidate D P. Thomas are elequently; set forth. While this journal esteems Mr. Thomas highly and recognizes his long service to the party, it does not feel that it ought to take upon itself any of the functions of the district's nominating convention. Whoever shall be the fair choice of the majority in that convention, whether Mr. Thomas, Mr. Gillespie or Mr. Farr, be will receive THE THIBUNE'S undivided support; but until then we pre-

BRECKISHING must belong to the sour mash aristocracy.

The Light Problems

In view of the fact that W. B. Rockwell treasurer and manager of the Middletown Goshen Traction company lug to this city, several conneilmen and citizens have suggested that an expression from him relative to the proposed purchase by the city of an electrical plant would have value. In response to a request for an expert specton Mr. Rockwell favors Tite Terause with the following

purchase of a municipal lighting plant in the days when the Truth was new it would be advisable for councils to endowed as. This ratio of swift ad- value of the plant which has recently been offered to the city and also aspermin for what the plant could be for of the new theater to say that it duplicated. While not wishing to say had not accentecturally at least, be anything deprecatory to the offered come manifest in Scranton theatricals plant it is nevertheless well known that more improved apparatus may be encourage struggling enterprise. purchased at the present time, for less the enquests play house which hears than helf the cost of apportunit purhis name. That a city of 100,000 in- shared at the time this plant was built. habitants empoying in the main set- in fact I would like no better contract wantages comparable with those of any stanto build a plant capable of lightother city of corresponding size in the ing the streets better than at present, on less than the present plant is offered to the city for.

This figure, in fact, covers the commatter how ably the old play house has mercial lighting now running from heen managed, and regardless of the this plant, which, of course, the city pleasant associations that cluster would not be permitted to operate. around it, the mere momentum of Deducting the commercial department. Scranton's irresistible progress was leaves if I am correctly informed, in bound some day to materialize in a the neighborhood of 400 lights for the new and a better theater, just asit had streets only. A plant of this size could materialized in other business direct he built for \$10,000 less than for what tions in the keen competition by which the present plant is offered. In other words, a 400 light plant can be built today, with the latest improved magratulation that the new theater has oninery, covering the present territory ighted, for about \$100,000

Chairman C E Cuittanden, of select that characterizes the Frothingham, council, informs The Thistise that he When, in pursuance of the natural law new not as yet formed any opinion in of business rivalry, the present Acad regard to W. W. Scranton's offer. He the aggressive editor of the Wilkesemy shall be transformed into a cor- thinks that "the matter should be responding vision of architectural treated in the manner capitalists trying to formulate a Luzerna co-opusually treat offered investments. A erative Democratic clique, a kind of committee of the councils, together patronage trust, so to speak. The dewith an expert electrician and bookdiscrininating natronage which each keeps, should be appointed to thorough. Hines and the Lenahaus are to be shall merit. Until that time comes it by investigate the plant and its revenues, and the result should be laid Smoulter syndicate. Democrats of the to render to Mr. Frothingham and his before the city government and the kid glove type are to be installed in

ready to second to marit and to enter- George Sanderson on the subject coincids substantially with those of Captain May. He thinks the tendencies in all mnolcipalities is toward doing their sees its citizens constantly striving to own lighting, on account both of convenience and chespness. He has no it is doubtful if it will ever regret it. mowledge of the cost of running Mr. licranton's plant or other minutiae concerning it. It would cost the city, as bored or corrupted had better steer he understood it, about \$250,000-\$50. 000 cash and \$300,000 of bonds to be as-

taken out for the underground trolley now seriously considering the subject, system of operating street cars. The and the estimate of cost for that large Metropolitan Traction company of New city is about \$100,000. It will thus be publican majorities. York is offering almost fabulous prizes seen that the price the city would have for designs that will do away with the to pay Mr. Scranton is correspondingly

> PATRONAGE POULTICES well divided heal factional sores.

WE AGREE with the Philadelphia Press that the raising of the Cameron the time to say that If the Republican all other man are ceasing from work party is such a delicate organism that it cannot endure the draught of a little plain taiking, it had better not have any candidates, senatorial or other-

AND HINES says nothing. Sunday Rail Traffic. The mutual decision recently entered into by the Reading and Lehigh Valley railroads, and partially assented to by the Jersey Central company, to restrict as much as possible the running of Sunson to wish for. When Breckinridge's day trains is a substantial moral victory for that sturdy Scrantonian, General Manager W. F. Hallstead, of the Delaware, Luckawanna and Western railroad. That his inflexible opposition ents as a model of manly propriety and to the conversion of Sunday into a busy lofty virtue, would hide his hoary head traffic day has been the primary reason in the folds of the plaintiff's petticoat for this new move of rival companies is a probability that is nearly a certainty, To be sure, certain other railroads have long observed Sunday as a rest with the stifling almosphere of crime, day for engines, cars and craws. Conspicuous among these has been the

that permeates Judge Bradley's court Delaware and Hudson company, in

SCRANTON TRIBUNE room, lost no time in throwing off the burden and in respiring cleaner air. the management of which the Manvilles have steadily opposed unneces-It is natural, no doubt, that the polit- sary Sunday traffic. But there have ical henchmen of Colonel Breckinridge, been times when, had Mr. Hullstead of their own individual fortunes, should would doubtless have witnessed the Kentucky newspaper comments in the the comparative quist that now preroposed "ovation" to the defendant in | have been a ceaseless roar of traffic and lential cultivation. Apart from this against strong pressure he interposed number, and with the exception, also, that has become proverbial for its grit of some life-long friends who cannot is one which has constituted, as we now know, a distinguished moral re-

> For it is useless to overlook the fact that much Sunday; traffic is wholly suent social conditions as has the running of street cars in large cities. To lay you wish to be cured. down an invariable law of complete and utter abstention from all labor on the Christian Sabbath would be to go farther in the direction of excessive austerity than most modern persons would approve, and farther, even, than ANOTHER Christ went during His sojourn upon earth. Under our later conditions, the NEW running of certain freight trains, too, is a necessity, which could scarcely be done away with without a relapse into an obsolete civilization. Yet it does seem possible from a common sense standpoint to draw the line closer than it is drawn on most railways in this country; to be, in fact, temperate in our morality and not intemperate toward either one extreme or the other And progress in this wise direction de serves grateful popular recognition.

So harring do the men who make the newspapers of this city purposely obtrude their names in print that we feel it will be permitted us to make an exception in the case of Mr. James O'Congor, who will this morning lead to St. Peter's cathedral alter, in wedlock one of Scranton's fairest daughters. The TEIBUNE desires to take advantage of this happy eccasion to pay a well-deserved tribute to the uniform courtesy, tidelity and manliness with which Mr. O Connor has performed the difficult duties of journalism, covering all those years in which Scranton has been a "It would seem to me that if the growing and famous city. As city city proposes to sectously consider the editor of the Truth, both lately and ing the pathway to its present exalted appoint a committee to investigate the position. Mr. O Connor was brought much into contact with all classes and conditions of men; and while always retaining their confidence and always faithful to the interests of his employers, he nevertheless neglected no chance to befriend worthy undertakings and good work, modestly and carefulls done, be any claim to popularity, Mr. O'Connor will this morning receive matry cordial congratulations.

> THE FACT is chronicled by a western electrical journal that the city of Moline, Ill , has recently abandonal its experimental ownership of a gas and electric light plant. The reason given for this course is that the lights were costing the city more per year under municipal ownership than they had cost or would cost under private contract. We mention this incident for what it is worth. All Scrantonians are agreed that if any experiment of a similar nature is to be tried here, it should be undertaken only after the full-st investigation. The present pur-nose of THE TRINGUE is to give as wide pose of THE TRIBUNE is to give as wide publicity as it can to any information calculated to aid in the formation of a wise conclusion by councils and the

INFORMATION HAS been lodged with Barre Times that Brother Harrity is tails of the scheme indicate that both turned under, together with the Search authority and political anarchy is ex-The Ideas of Select Councilman pected to follow rapidly. All this is interesting, but it strikes us that anarchy is pretty nearly the Democratic condition siready. As for Luzerne's becoming Republican in the future it seems to have reached that point, and

> THE MAN who doesn't want to be clear of American legislative assem-

HARRITVISM IS a political science that is indicated invariably by increased Ro-

As Sam Jones would remark, the kicked cur soon yelps.

Sunday Raticand Traffic.

Alleafown Leader.
Everybody who has shopping to do re cognizes the Sunday closing and does his purchasing the day before or leaves it for Press that the raising of the Cameron issue in state senstorial districts need not necessarily involve danger to Republican success. If a candidate be for Cameron, he should say so, and stand the consequences, If he be opposed to Cameron on principle, now is the time to say that If the Republican all other man are ceasing from work.

> New National Hymn. My country, 'the of thee,'
> Sweet land of liberty,
> Of thee I sing.
> Land where the wheels are tied,
> Land where haustries died,
> Or to the English side. Took ra; id wing!

> My native country, thee Land to which paupers flee,
> They name I love
> I love they Cleveland frills,
> Thy no-trade tariff bills,
> Thy Greshams, Crisps and Mills, Born from above.

Let music swell the breeze, Democrats, to your knees, And swell the song. Let those who brought this falls. Their medicine take straight, Their medicine take straight, And three years longer wait To right the wrong.

Our father, Grover C., Mogul of misery, To thee we sing Bear with us if you can, But if not, like a man, Say that you do not care a For anything.
-Pawtuset Valley Gleaner, The Breckinridge Ecandal's Moral.

New York Son. Never before have the peril, anguish and corruption of such more ricious conditions been brought out so forcibly as in the story thus far told on the stand in this case. It os been without an alluring feature to istract attention from its blackness and is hideonaness. It describes experiences which from first to last were witnest any romantic tings to hide their real depray-ity. It tells of relations in which there was no happiness to provoke in any mind a desire for such forbilden associations. It constitutes only a warning against entering into a path which must inevitably have an ending so painful and disgraceful. This man and this woman kept up the outward form of affection when actually the feeling between them was rank hatred. They were criminal together, each distrustful of the other, and each distrustful of the other, and each distrustful by the vile bendage of license, deceil and perfidy into which they had fallen.

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